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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed on 28 July has been entered and considered. No further reply is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. The examiner does not wish to attend the Oral Hearing.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred Ferris whose telephone number is 703-305-9670 and whose normal working hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.
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